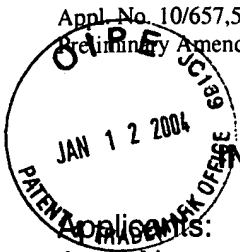


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Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 2 of this paper.

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